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SUBJECT: MILITARY COMMUNIQUE

1. MILITARY HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE 34/74 OF JUNE 13 REPORTS GROUPS OF STRONGLY ARMED GUERRILLAS IN CABO DELGADO DISTRICT ATTACKED NANGADE JUNE 8-9 AND MUEDA JUNE 11, WITHOUT INFLECTING CASUALTIES. GOP MILITARY MOUNTED BRIEF, INTENSE COUNTERATTACK AGAINST GUERRILLA BASES FROM WHICH THESE ATTACKS CAME.

2. IN JUSTIFYING COUNTERATTACK, COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT, DESPITE HOPE THAT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GOP AND FRELIMO WILL PERMIT MOZAMBIKAN PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR POLITICAL STRUCTURE FREELY AND DESPITE DESIRE TO PROMOTE CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO PEACE, HIGH COMMAND HAS HAD TO CONTINUE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR CIVILIAN POPULATION, TRANSPORTATION ROUTES, GARRISONS AND AGRICULTURAL AND OTHER INDISPENSABLE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

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THUS, FORCE WILL BE USED TO RESPOND TO FORCE.

3. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO RAND DAILY MAIL OF JUNE 13, COUNTER-
ATTACK CONSISTED OF GOP AIR FORCE BOMBING OF FRELIMO BASES
IN RETALIATION AGAINST FRELIMO ATTACKS WITH 122 MM ROCKET
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